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Pat Quinn, Governor Marc Miller, Director

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Mr. Mark Berninger JF New 6605 W. Steger Rd Monee, IL 60449

Re: CH76-225 Wright Road Proposed Cell Tower Site Project Number(s): 1003432 [0902132, 0908677]

County: McHenry

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for consultation. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and concluded that adverse effects are unlikely. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated.

However, please note that there are several records of the State-listed threatened Blanding's Turtle within the vicinity of this project, therefore, the Department strongly recommends that construction activities occur between early November and late March, while these turtles are hibernating, to avoid potential impacts.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

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